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In the claims

Complete listing of the claims.

1-36 (canceled).

37 (new) A method for making a removable partial dental prosthesis comprising:

molding a removable partial dental prosthesis having a base, an  
artificial tooth and a clasp,

said artificial tooth being supported by said base,

said base being integrally connected to said clasp,

said base comprising pigment and being substantially opaque,

said clasp being effectively free of pigment and being substantially  
transparent,

said base being formed to mate with oral mucosa for support of said  
prosthesis thereon.

38 (new) The method of claim 36 further comprising providing a first enclosure  
enclosing first particles of thermoplastic in a first cartridge said first cartridge  
enclosing pigment,

providing a second enclosure enclosing second particles of thermoplastic in the second cartridge, said second cartridge being effectively free of pigment, and

wherein said base is formed by injection molding first particles of thermoplastic and said clasp is formed by injection molding second particles of thermoplastic.

39. (new) A method for making a removable partial dental prosthesis, comprising:

providing a mold having a mold cavity and containing said artificial tooth,

injecting substantially transparent thermoplastic into a first portion of said mold cavity, and

injecting substantially opaque thermoplastic into a second portion of said mold cavity,

removing said removable partial dental prosthesis from said mold, removable partial dental prosthesis having an artificial tooth and an opaque base comprising pigment integrally connected to a substantially transparent clasp.

40. (new) A method for making a dental prosthesis comprising:

injection molding a dental prosthesis having a base, an artificial tooth and a clasp, said base being integrally connected to said clasp, said artificial tooth being supported by said base, said base comprising pigment and being substantially opaque, said clasp being effectively free of pigment and being substantially transparent, said base being formed to mate with oral mucosa for support of said prosthesis thereon.